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TORRENTIAL RAINS CAUSE ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

PEOPLE DROWNED IN THEIR HOUSES OR SWEEPED INTO SEWERS.

Lisbon, September 22.

Thunderstorms and torrential rains on Tuesday night and yesterday caused enormous damage to the city and heavy loss of life. Numerous people were injured. The streets were transformed into torrents and numerous buildings were flooded. Many persons were drowned in their houses while some were swept into sewers. A wall fell on a crowded tramcar, killing seven people and injuring many.

EXPLOSION RESCUE WORK.

GERMANS APPRECIATE PROMPT FRENCH AID.

SCENES OF UTTER DESOLATION.

Marseilles, September 22.

The rescue parties including French soldiers are searching the ruins for bodies but it is still impossible to estimate the number dead owing to the change of shifts. There were some 3,000 men on the spot at the time of the explosion. Most of those inside the works were killed. Very few were injured. Oppau, which contained 6,000 inhabitants, is now a scene of utter desolation. Most of the injured were at Oppau. Two French soldiers engaged in rescue work were seriously injured. General Degoutte ordered all the available medical personnel of the French Army on the Rhine to proceed to the scene of the disaster, and also arranged for soup to be distributed to the families of the victims. The French High Commissioner distributed 75,000 marks to local trade unions. A factory at Mannheim has collapsed in consequence of the Oppau explosion. Three workmen were killed and 14 injured.

DAMAGE ENORMOUS.

Marseilles, September 22.

Over 850 bodies have been recovered from the ruins of Oppau. The total of injured exceeds the first estimates and already 2,500 persons have been treated. The explosion appears to have been caused in the course of tests on the compression of a new gas the properties of which were imperfectly known. The damage at Frankenthal and Ludwigshafen is so great that at present it is inestimable. A German hospital train has arrived at Frankfurt and a French hospital train at Treves with injured. The German authorities have begged General Degoutte to transmit to the French Government their gratitude for the prompt and efficacious aid given by the French troops. French and German soldiers are closely collaborating in rescue work.

The explosion killed French soldiers guarding the Oppau works and injured a number of French soldiers boating on the Rhine. The Badische Anilin-Fabrik assess the damage to the works at 150 million marks.

UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

PREMIER FORESHADOWS LEGISLATION.

London, September 22.

The Premier met the mayors of the London boroughs. The latter, who made a journey to the Gairloch, complained of the inadequacy of previous measures dealing with unemployment and submitted important schemes for coping with the problem. The Premier declared that he had summoned ministers from London to explore means of alleviating distress and explained the impossibility of the Government shouldering the whole burden. He foreshadowed legislation ensuring co-operation between the Government, local authorities, manufacturers, traders, bankers, and organized labour.

OPIMUM TRADE.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS.

London, September 23.

The fifth commission of the League of Nations adopted Mr. Duffin's man and Swinderen's report regarding opium, also the proposal of the Norwegian delegate, M. Bonaville, providing that the opium trade or cultivation of the poppy should be particularly German and invited to collaborate in the opium consultative committee.

ARIZONA COPPER COMPANY.

PROPOSED TRANSFER TO AMERICAN CORPORATION.

London, September 22.

The Arizona Copper Company which closed down owing to the serious condition of the industry, submitted to the shareholders meeting in Edinburgh a proposal to transfer the business to an American company, the Phelps Dodge Corporation.

GERMANY'S SUBSIDIZED SHIPPING.

VALUE ASSESSED AT 45 MILLION GOLD MARKS.

Paris, September 22.

The value of 2,153,407 gross tons of German shipping handed over to the Allies before May 1, is assessed by the Reparations Commission at 745 million gold marks, which has been placed to Germany's credit.

MOUNT MULLIGAN DISASTER.

BODIES OF THE ENTOMBED MINERS RECOVERED.

Hongkong, September 24.

All the bodies in the Mount Mulligan disaster have been recovered. Of the 54, 24 were unrecognizable.

NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS.

Geneva, September 22.

The Assembly has voted for the admission of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania as members of the League of Nations.

THE DOLLAR.

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BOY PICKPOCKET.

MAGISTRATE ORDERS THE RATTAN.

A small Chinese boy was this morning charged with having picked the pocket of a returned emigrant yesterday afternoon and stolen a purse containing a large sum of money.

The complainant, a Chinese recently returned from Peru, where he was a shopkeeper for several years, said that about 6 p.m., yesterday, he and a friend were proceeding along the Praya to board a Kowloon steamer, when the defendant passed in front of him, and inserting his hand in his pocket, extracted a purse containing four gold coins, 32 Peruvian bank notes of various denominations, and \$5 in Chinese silver coins. Before he caught hold of the accused, the latter had passed the purse to another youth who made good his escape. The witness was sure the defendant was the person who picked his pocket. When he felt the tug at his pocket, the defendant was the only person near him, apart from his friend. Furthermore as the witness made to grab the defendant, he actually saw him pass the purse to the other youth.

The defendant denied that he was the guilty person. He said that he was a native of Kowloon, and came here to visit his uncle. He had just come ashore from the boat when he was caught by the complainant and accused of theft.

The Magistrate, in ordering the defendant to receive 12 strokes of the rattan, said: "We have no use for boylike you here. You had better remain to your home. Next time you come before me you will be liable to six months' jail."

KINEMA NOTES.

HUMOUR IN PLENTY AT THE CORONET.

The Coronet management evidently believes in varying the nature of its programme. Now it concentrates on one long film and again it presents short and brisk pictures. Last night it aimed at making the audience laugh most of the time and the audience did. "The Dear Departed," for instance, was a laugh from end to end. It proved the type of story that, overdone in the least, bores one to tears. Here it was not over acted in the least. The fun in the situations was never for a moment forced. "Saul" Pollard as the "dead man" had a fat part and he made the most of it. The work of Gladys Walton in "All Dressed Up" was of a different type. Here the humour was more delicate and was shot through with not a little pathos. The author provided villains, too; male and female made the theme of the night stamp too. The result was a film that was joyously bright in places, pathetic in spots, and decidedly stirring at times. A finely entertaining film this and well worth seeing.

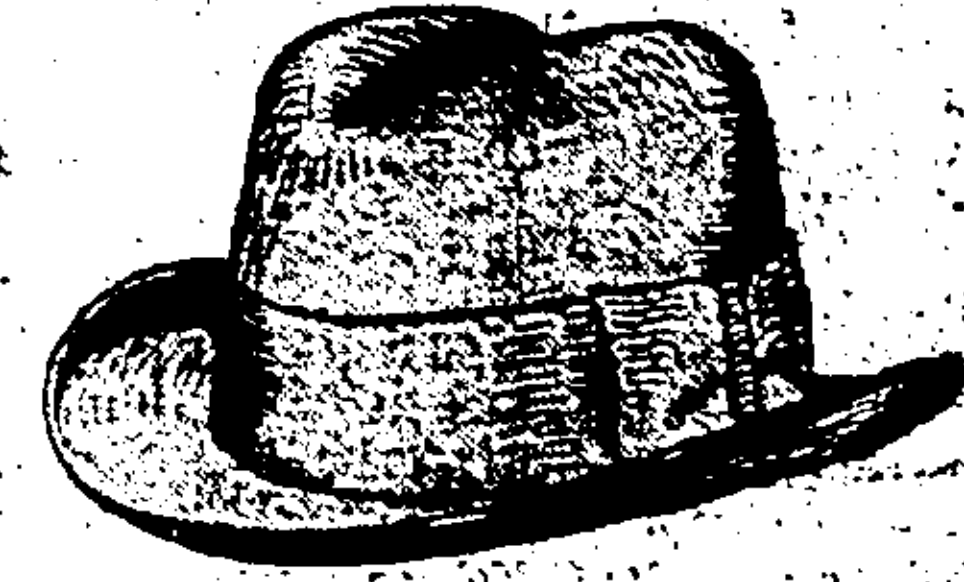
THE WORLD THEATRE.

The tie that bound Sonia Howard to her husband was their little daughter. Once he had been famous, but now he was a drug-fiend and she had grown to loathe him. She could tolerate him no longer and told him she would sue for a divorce. This threat and the fire of her anger roused him to fury and, in self-defence, she shot him. Murder shadowed her life! But that was not all for the Ring of Death was bounding her for papers in her possession that gave the plans of a Red revolution in America—the country of her adoption and the native land of the man she loved. This man's life she refused to share until the shadow of guilt was raised from her soul and the horrors of her past had vanished. Emmy Wehlen is the beautiful star to whom has been entrusted the role of Sonia in "Lifting Shadows." A gripping story of love and intrigue. Leonora Pernot produced and directed this Pathé special feature, announced as the attraction at the World Theatre tonight. The cast includes Wyndham Standing, Henry Haines, and Lila Brynne Gordon.

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IDEAS AS POLITICAL MOTORS.

Would you "cut off your nose to spite your face"? No, say you, knowing that the implication of the sage is that such conduct is foolish, and being satisfied that you are not a fool. Would you die for a principle? That is not the same thing, you interpolate indignantly, jumping to the conclusion that some dialectical trap is being laid for you. Such a trap is an affront to your self esteem. Your self esteem is an idea that is very dear to you. For that idea you would make really appreciable sacrifices—cutting off your nose to "save face"—without realizing that you were sacrificing anything. You would do it naturally, instinctively, earnestly. You could not help doing it. Reason is used to explain and justify conduct; *post facto*; it is less seldom used to determine it or direct it. Your main political motors are ideas. Not denying that all the experts were right in declaring that our new four "capital" ships, four battleships costing us thirty millions of pounds, would be useless, Winston Churchill argued that they were necessary to our prestige. Our naval prestige is an idea for which many of us would make sacrifices. We do not examine it, analyze it, compare game with candle cost; the idea is there; it is enough; it moves us. We are its servants. Most men are the servants of ideas, in this way. Fixed ideas, got on man realizes whence or how. Even when the need for economy is most apparent, men have these ideas, and feel obliged to obey them. Thus Hongkong spends a remarkable number of thousands of dollars on the

idea of changing the uniform of our native police. Later on, someone will be infected by the idea that even in the new outfit they do not look nice, and the extra idea of providing them with dickers and detachable cuffs may follow. More meticulously to speak these are notions rather than ideas. The ideas we set out to consider must have begun as notions, begotten of notions, but our attitude towards them will indicate the difference. Probably the man who first had the notion of re-dressing the lunking might have felt a little puffed if his notion had been rejected by the Government, because such rejection would have impinged on the stronger and dearer idea of amour propre. But he would not have fought for the notion as he would and must for the idea. Zionism, for example, is an idea, for which many Jews have sacrificed time and much money, and for which some of them would probably fight, if only by proxy. Balfour said it was a good idea, but Britain now is subject to the bigger idea that Mahomedan prejudices (ideas) in India must not be fomented. Often the religious idea becomes curiously contorted, without losing a bit of its impulsive force. Palestine is for some the "Holy Land," honoured and sanctified by the sojourn of divinity, by the god of brotherly love. Yet we read that it is holy to Mahomedans because Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are saints of theirs, to Jews for obvious reasons, and to Christians of so many sects and sorts. Roman, Greek, Protestant, whose "bitter jealousies" (ideas) show forth on the very steps of the shrines there, according to a distinguished Jewish visitor. Nationalism is a typical idea, stronger than any logic, reason, or commonsense, an idea of such great political force that Irishmen and Englishmen are dying for it. Internationalism is another, which Jesus said many other prophets preached; and Barris sang, and a sprinkling of men now argue. It

waits its martyr, no doubt. If you think this over, if you count the number of ideas known to you that are patently political motors, you will no longer regard a vehement partisan as an unreasonable fellow, who will not "listen to reason," but who seems rather pigheaded, and determined to "cut off his nose to spite his face." You will no longer regard him as a bigot or a crank or a Bolshevik. No. You will recognize him as one infected with the virus of an idea, as the chained and beaten slave of an idea, and perhaps you will pity him. That is to say, you may if you do not happen to be in the clutches of some idea of your own, in which case you will be too busy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"NUT" is the one word written in a bold hand across yesterday's return of notifiable disease.

The death has occurred at Singapore of Lieut.-Col. R. S. Hutchison, C.B.E., R.A.P.D., command paymaster.

Slight injuries were received by a Chinese yesterday afternoon who fell while attempting to alight from a moving tram car in Des Voeux Road West.

Correction is called for of our paragraph yesterday, announcing the return by the steamer "Hansang" of Lady Ho Tung and Miss Ho Tung. The Hongkong ladies who returned by that steamer were Mrs. M. K. Lo and Miss Diana Ho.

A cargo boat laden with firewood making the Kowloon City pier in Kowloon Bay yesterday afternoon suddenly sprang a leak and foundered. All on board managed to swim ashore, but lost all their property. Dredging is proceeding in an endeavour to recover the firewood.

One of Shanghai's latest "sensations" lies in the mark situation. Buyers have been in the market for several months now and recently when the German exchange was fluctuating around the 50-55 to the taelpoint very extensive transactions were carried through. Since the beginning of last week there has been another big decline in the value of the mark and deals are currently reported at 77 for cash and 75 forward.

During the 5.15 p.m. performance at the Coronet Theatre yesterday the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak was taken violently ill. He attempted to leave the theatre but collapsed in a faint at the entrance. When he had recovered somewhat from this alarming attack he was immediately conveyed to his home where medical aid was summoned. This morning a *China Mail* reporter was informed that Mr. Holyoak's condition had greatly improved and that a few days' rest will see him restored to his usual health.

An extraordinary series of murders has been reported from Kiangyin which is situated on the Yangtze on this side of Chinkiang. The authorities in that district have discovered the bodies of ten people who have been murdered and treated in a most outrageous manner, their bodies being ripped up from the abdomen to the neck. Rape is suggested as the likely cause in several of the cases. The police are investigating and the usual orders as to "strict" punishment have been issued.

Capt. J. Donck, who has been with the K.P.M. since 1888, first in command of the "Rumpfish" and more recently of the "Melchior Treub," has made his last trip on the Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya, Singapore and Deli run and will shortly be going home to Holland on retirement. During the many years he has skippered these popular vessels he has made hosts of friends every one of whom will wish him good luck and the best of health in the old country. The pension awarded him by the K.P.M. has been well merited.

The return of foreign imports and exports of British Malaya during August issued by the acting Registrar of Import and Export office, shows that the total value of imports last month was \$42,276,889, compared with \$40,891,977 in July an increase of \$1,384,912, and exports, \$39,338,787 as against \$35,544,423 in July an increase of \$3,794,364. Para rubber exports showed a total of \$14,065 cents of 100 lbs. valued at \$7,910,273. America took 184,494 cents, the United Kingdom 59,550 and Japan 57,596. Tin exports were 85,854 piculs, valued at \$5,889,502. America took 32,086 piculs, the United Kingdom 20,167, British possessions and protectorates 19,167 and the Continent of Europe 9,516. Other exports were 269,064 piculs valued at \$3,334,120.

SPECIAL CABLE.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

SHANGHAI UNION AND CHINA'S DELEGATION.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Sept. 23.
The organization known as the Six Streets Union which is interesting itself in China's delegation to the Washington conference has written to President Hsu and Dr. Sun Yat-sen regarding the preparatory state to which China should conform before her representatives go forth. They bluntly blame Dr. Sun for much of the country's unsettled condition and call upon him to repent at once. David Yui and Tsing Moong attend the conference as the representatives of the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

MARRIAGE-SHY.

2,000 COUPLES WHO CHANGED THEIR MINDS.

It is estimated that 3,000 marriage licences, both civil and ecclesiastical, have been cancelled during the past 12 months. What is the reason? "There can be no doubt that 2,000 couples out of the 3,000 changed their minds and decided not to get married," said a London registrar to a reporter. Young couples especially talk about marriage in a semi-serious manner, and when, after deciding to get married, they come and see the registrar their feelings undergo a complete change when confronted with blue documents.

"Many of the special ecclesiastical licences are cancelled because the consent of the girl's parents cannot be obtained. A great number of church marriages are with girls who are under age. At the registrar office the man swears an affidavit that he has obtained the girl's parents consent and is given a form to get signed by the parents. Then the trouble begins. Sometimes the man realises that it is impossible to get the form signed and nothing further is heard from him."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New Canton municipal regulations require all drivers of motor cars to possess a licence. Severe penalties are provided for reckless driving.

The 25th ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., will be held on Saturday, October 8 at noon.

Members of the Canton "Women's Bobbed Hair Society" have been sent by the Soc'y to Wuchow to carry out a campaign to induce the women in Wuchow have their hair "bobbed."

Failure to exhibit the regulation lights while under way cost a sampan woman a dollar fine at the Marine Court to-day. The steersman of two trading junks were fined \$10 each for dumping rubbish into the harbour.

The Canton government might have saved mintage copper coins owing to the high cost of the metal, copper coins have advanced in value, a dollar now purchasing only 110 coppers where before it bought 125, reports of the *Canton Times*.

Although many strikes have been settled, frequently through the mediation of government officials, it is reported that there are still 20,000 labourers on strike in Canton. The strikers are the tea factory workers, shoe-makers, oil factory workers, textile mill workers, and painters.

The report translated by the *Canton Times* from the vernacular press about an alleged attempt by bandits to rob a Kowloon Canton Railway train is now said to be quite untrue. The vernacular press also reported that a section of the line near Pseum Ping (or Sheung Ping Station) was destroyed by bandits. This report also was entirely erroneous as no damage was done to the line.

A leader of the Japanese anarchist party has been arrested in Shanghai. It is reported that, after trial there, he will be sent back to Japan. We are also promised a visit from a blind Russian poet who is described as an "extreme communist," says the *Shanghai Mercury*. This gentleman has left Japan for Vladivostok and after looking over the ground in Shanghai it is expected he will travel to India.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

By Charles Berlin's "Tales" when "Tales" are suggested, "Tales" are certain to be much pleased with them. They are easy to tell and pleasant to hear. For as a by all means and to sleep.

"BOOK CLUB" NOTES.

When the first consignment of books for the Book Club arrives it will be announced and described under this heading. They should not be long now.

Meanwhile, a book case has been installed, and any member who wishes to place a book in his possession at the service of other members may put it in there. The Hon. Secretary has been generously offering the loan of valuable books to members, as a stop-gap during the period of waiting. To-day another member has put nine or ten volumes on the Club shelves, where members will find them.

As the new books arrive, we may from time to time publish brief notes about them, written by various members, also under this heading. Any notes of interest to Book Club members will be welcomed, and members are invited to contribute them.

A FINE POINT.

DOES A KILLED PIG DIE?

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, Sub-Inspector Macdonald charged a Chinese with having attempted to sell the carcass of a dead pig for human consumption.

The defendant denied that the pork was unwholesome. He said that he had killed the pig at Pokfulam and was taking it to town to sell.

The Magistrate: What proof have you got that the pig was sick before it was killed? Inspector Macdonald: The defendant's own statement, your Worship. When he was arrested, he admitted that the pig was sick and dying when he killed it.

The Magistrate: That is not enough. Has the carcass been examined? I cannot, by looking at it, decide that the pig had died of influenza or any other illness, you know. There must be expert evidence.

The Inspector said that the C.V.S. was too busy, but would come to Court if he were especially required to do so. Would it not be better for the Magistrate to remand the case to get expert evidence?

The Magistrate: Yes, I think the case had better be remanded until to-morrow and in the meantime the carcass should be taken to the C.V.S. to be examined. The defendant will be given \$100 bail.

PADDY WORM POISONING.

Magistrate Lindsell heard the evidence of the cook in connection with the paddy worm poisoning charge yesterday. The man said that he cooked up the worms with pieces of pork, garlic, preserved olives and "fry cakes." After he had put them on the fire and was doing something else in the kitchen the defendant came in and stirred up the worms with a pair of chopsticks. The defendant usually accepted an invitation to eat with the shop people but this time he refused to stay to supper and walked out of the shop.

The cook said that he himself had five mouthfuls of worms and noticed that they were gritty. He said nothing about it but when the others noticed it they all abused him for not being clean with his cooking. Someone suspected arsenic and they all had a dose of *fung fung*. They got worse later and then the Chinese doctors were called in. The defendant returned to the shop during the evening and was accused of having put arsenic in the worms. He denied it but they detained him and gave him in charge. The cook himself was in custody for some hours. The hearing will be continued later.

TOBACCO DUTIES.

The difficulty of discharging the onus laid upon cigarette retailers of proving that duty has been paid on their tobacco was stressed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada yesterday in defending a man charged with having had a large stock of cigarettes on which no duty had been paid. The Magistrate (Mr. G. N. Orme) expressed the view that it would not be a hardship to cigarette retailers if they were required to keep proper accounts. There was no law, he pointed out, to compel anyone to keep accounts correctly except that in the case of tobacco duties there was a particular obligation cast upon the defendant to keep the necessary proof ready to produce to an officer when asked for it. Mr. Orme said that although he was not satisfied that the defendant in the present case had furnished satisfactory proof that he had paid duty, he would review the evidence and give his decision later. The case was accordingly adjourned for a week.

SPORT.

LAWN BOWLS.

HONGKONG BEAT SHANGHAI.

The rival Interport Bowls teams met again yesterday afternoon in a friendly match on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's green yesterday afternoon.

The Hongkong team was the same one which won the big game on Saturday. Shanghai had one change in their team, Tweedie taking the place of Marks as No. 1, the latter having been obliged to return home.

Hongkong scored another decisive victory by 25 to 16. At first it looked like being a very close game but after the first eight heads, Hongkong scored uninterrupted for 7 heads and led 17-11 in the 15th. Each side took three of the remaining six heads for 8 and 5, respectively, and Hongkong won comfortably by 9 points. Final scores: Hongkong, 25; Shanghai, 16.

THE TEAMS.

The teams were: Shanghai—Tweedie, Landers, McAlister and Shaw (skip). Hongkong—Clark, Gerrard, Hamilton and Ferguson (skip). This afternoon, the Shanghai team will meet the team known in bowling circles as "The Hongkong Big Four"—Messrs. Bond, Gerrard, D. Harvey and Russell (skip)—the team that went to Shanghai, two years ago, and inaugurated the interport match. The game will be played at the Kowloon Bowling Green.

Afterwards the bowling men of the Colony will entertain the visiting team to dinner at the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. R. M. Dyer is expected to be in the chair and the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. Cland Severn) has promised to be present.

Mr. R. M. Dyer has presented a cup for each member of the winning team in the interport match and a smaller, souvenir cup for each member of the losing side. It should be mentioned, also that the Shanghai team and members of the Kowloon Bowling Club had an enjoyable outing in the New Territories through the kindness of Mr. Dyer, who placed four cars at their disposal, and of Mr. E. Abraham, who also lent a car.

TENNIS.

GARRISON DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The third round of the Garrison Tennis Doubles Championship was played off at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon when excellent tennis was witnessed by a large attendance of Military enthusiasts. Among the present yesterday were H. E. Lieut.-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K. C. S. I., K. C. B., G. O. C., Lady Kirkpatrick and the Misses Kirkpatrick, Col. Davy, C. E., R. E., Col. Humphrey, D. D. M. S., Col. Nicholson, D. A. A., Q. M. G., Majors Hickling, Edwards and Tomlinson, the Rev. Shewell, C. F. and Capt. Oliver, Tomory, and Fisher, A.D.C.

The match between Q.M.S. Foster and S. Sgt. Haynes, R.A.O.C., and Bdmenn Murrant and Rogers, Wilts., produced some first class play. The former pair took the first 4 games. The Wilts. pair, rallying, took the set 8-6.

The second and third sets went to the R.A.O.C. pair by 6-4, 6-3, who won the match 2 sets to one.

OTHER RESULTS.

The other games resulted as follows: C.S.M. Pearson and Cpl. Townsend, R.E., beat Sgt. Wilkinson and Cpl. Rhodes, R.A.M.C., 6-1, 6-3. S.S.M. Stroud and Dr. Lansley, R.A.S.C., beat Cpl. Hayward and Spr. Newing, R.E., 6-1, 6-2.

Sgt. Holloway and Gr. Heawood, R.G.A., beat Sgt. Wells and Bdmenn Teagle, Wilts., 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The semi-finals and final will be played, weather permitting, to-day, commencing at 3 p.m.

Lady Kirkpatrick will present the trophies at the close of play.

The Wiltshire Band, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. J. B. Wyndham and Officers of the Regiment, will play selections during the afternoon.

WATER POLO.

LUSITANO BEAT UNITED.

An exciting match in connection with the Hongkong Water Polo League was played in the V.R.C. bath yesterday evening, when turning out without a Finck in the forward line, the United suffered defeat at the hands of the Lusitano to the tune of 4 goals to 1.

The Portuguese attacked from the beginning and after giving the defence a strenuous time, Franco scored. The United got away immediately afterwards and Leonard equalised. A ding dong struggle followed and then, towards the close of the first half, Franco again bested Lusitano from a well timed pass by Carvalho. The second half was as fast and exciting as the first. United pressed

hard but Barros and Soares were equal to the situation and allowed nothing to pass them. When the Portuguese attacked Franco was well marked, he fed Carvalho well however, and the latter added two more goals from close range. Thanks to the fine combination of these two and the splendid defence, the Portuguese ran out winners by 4-1.

This defeat of the United put the V.R.C. two points ahead of them and as both teams have the same number of games to play the Championship honours are as good as won by the Victorians unless they should by accident lose a match, in which case a final with the United would be necessary.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Matches for this evening:—

5.15 p.m.—H.M.S. Forgive v. 2 Wiltshires.

5.45 p.m.—V.R.C. v. R.G.A.

SWIMMING.

INTERPORT TRIALS.

To-day's candidates for the following events will be tried out:—

Throwing the Polo Ball.—E. Bussehaert, R.C. Wiltchell, J. A. Carvalho and L. E. Lammert.

220 Yards.—G. Jack, F. M. R. Pereira, A. Logan, and J. Rodger.

100 Yards.—G. Jack, F. M. R. Pereira, A. Logan, D. Laing, A. Botelho and B. A. Noronha.

Two Lengths Team Race.—Leong Tui-sang, A. Botelho, E. Noronha, E. W. Ralston, D. Laing, J. Soares, A. Logan, and F. M. R. Pereira.

The trial for the hundred yards, postponed from yesterday, will take place at 5 p.m., to-day before the League Water Polo matches. The following candidates will compete:—R. C. Wiltchell, J. Johnstone, E. Noronha and Chiu Hing-mee.

After the Water Polo, candidates for the 220 yards, 2 lengths team race and throwing the Polo Ball will be worked off.

Johnstone and Jack have already been selected for the team race and to-day's trials will be for the purpose of choosing the other three members of the team and a reserve.

TO-MORROW'S WATER POLO.

To-morrow, at 5.30 p.m. a Water Polo match Probables v. Possibles will be played. The following are the teams:—

Probables.—A. Ignatieff, (goal); M. L. Ralston and J. Rodger (backs); R. C. Wiltchell (half back); E. Bussehaert, J. C. Finch and A. Logan (forwards).

Possibles.—G. Hall (goal); G. W. Sewell and F. A. Marcal (backs); A. V. Barros (half back); J. Soares, G. A. Carvalho and E. W. Ralston (forwards).

SUNDAY'S TRIALS.

On Sunday candidates for the long plunge, 440 yards and back races will be put through their paces for the last time prior to selection for inclusion in the Interport team.

The following have entered for the 440 yards, postponed from yesterday.—G. Jack, D. Laing, F. M. R. Pereira, A. Logan and J. Rodger.

YESTERDAY'S TRIALS.

Yesterday's trials resulted as follows:—

High Dive.—M. A. R. De Souza, 108 points; G. A. V. Hall, 106; F. M. R. Pereira, 106; S. Kitchell, 104; G. Jack, 104; D. Laing, 103; and T. L. Knight, 101.

Running Header.—D. Laing, 108 points; M. A. R. de Souza, 102; F. M. R. Pereira, 102; G. A. V. Hall, 100; T. L. Knight, 96; Hyde, 92, and S. Kitchell 91.

From the above, the selection committee will choose five men to represent the Colony in each event.

In the long plunge, R. L. Duncan, M.A.B. de Souza, J. R. Soares, S. H. Garrod and A. Botelho gave good account of themselves.

CHALLENGE CUP.

Mr. J. H. Taggart has presented a magnificent silver cup to be put up as an Interport Challenge Cup, not to be won outright. The Interport Committee purpose asking the donor's permission to date this Cup back to 1909, when the first Interport was held. So far about twenty other prizes have been given and many more are expected.

Messrs. McCabe, Brodie, Brown and the Goldman brothers of the Shanghai team are due here to-morrow by the "Kashima Maru," and the remainder will arrive by the "Tungahing" on Monday. All will stay at the Hongkong Hotel.

Intending competitors are reminded that entries for the Aquatic Sports close on Monday, September 26. Entries may be had on application at the Club.

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Giant Aeroplanes.

A super-giant aeroplane is being built for the Government at Bristol and heralds a fresh era in design. So large is the body that it conveys the impression of a speedy sea vessel, the vast interior of the hull containing spacious saloons and a ship-like engine-room with a battery of engines with gleaming cylinders. A new system of transmission of power from the engines to the propellers is affixed in tiers to the wings and will enable the machine to fly day and night. The peril of a forced landing is practically eliminated. The appearance of the tremendous craft takes away one's breath. It really needs a new name. It does not resemble anything on land or sea. Builders describe her as an aerial transport and say that she might be used to carry troops or act as a tender to a squadron of aeroplanes.

A Story of the Creation.

Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, writes to the Times as follows: "Near the anchorage off Nukualofa in Tonga-Tabu there is a small island which the then Crown Prince, grandson of the great King George Tubou, told me was the first land in the world. It had been fished up from the bottom of the sea by the god Maui. This divinity put a man on the island and planted a yam on it to provide food for the man. The devil came and uprooted the yam. The god then planted a coconut tree. The devil uprooted this tree. The god next tried planting a sweet potato. The devil did with this what he had done with the yam and the tree. The god, losing all patience, decided to circumvent the adversary. He put a woman on the island, remarking that he would by this give the devil so much to do that he would have to leave plantations alone. That was exactly as things turned out. The devil was made so busy by the new inhabitant of the island that he had no time to interfere with vegetable production, which since then has increased satisfactorily."

Torpedoing Icebergs.

Ice is the curse of the North Atlantic under any circumstances, but this year it is far worse than usual on account of the mild winter having caused innumerable bergs to break away and drift down South on the current far earlier than is usual. For the past five months the U.S. Coast Guard service has had its usual two cutters on the International Ice Patrol, and they have given timely warning to many hundreds of ships, but there is no doubt that they have had their hands more than full. Gunfire was tried against ice years ago with no success, so this year the U.S. Navy Department is sending out the destroyer "Breckenridge" to try the effects of her torpedoes. The results of this experiment have not yet been reported, but practical ice men are not very sanguine of its success. The sudden shock of the explosion of a heavy torpedo may possibly split a huge berg into two or three smaller but still very dangerous ones, but it is far more likely to expend its energy in blowing a big hole in it and nothing more. Also, it must not be forgotten that a very likely result is to capsize the berg and so render it infinitely more dangerous to navigation. It is an interesting experiment, but its practical advantages are not likely to be great.

Heather Honey.

Wanderers along the moors in North and West Yorkshire at this season may chance upon a curious spectacle, says a writer in the Morning Post. In the heart of the moorland, where, ordinarily no trace of human habitation is found, there are springing up solitary encampments or a little colony of campers, each with its hives of bees. It is the bee-keepers on their annual trek. Heather honey is especially popular, and as it is impossible to bring the heather to the bees they take the bees into the heather. The actual trek is made during the coolest part of the day, or, very frequently, during the night, and the bee-keeper will usually make it a family holiday, taking a caravan or tents in which to live during the ensuing month while the heather is in full bloom. On arrival the hives are placed in suitable sites, and when the sun shines the bees are liberated to enjoy themselves amongst the new blooms. Frequently the trek will involve a journey of from ten to thirty miles, yet, such is the wonderful instinct of these little creatures that, although they have been carried so far from their usual haunts, they can each find their way back to their own hive.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA.

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JEWEL LOOT FROM RUSSIA.

HATTON GARDEN UNDISTURBED BY SMUGGLING YARN'S.

Hatton Garden does not take very seriously the story that the Bolsheviks of Russia are endeavouring to flood the world's markets with diamonds and other looted jewels. Buyers for the American market are even more convinced that no jewels of Bolshevik taint are being smuggled into that country. The American is too astute a diamond buyer to burden himself with "off colour" Russian stones which cannot compare with the white diamonds.

A certain quantity found their way to England, but these were absorbed some time ago without affecting the real diamond market. The distribution throughout the markets of the world has been negligible. Mr. Gordon Nathan, a well-known diamond dealer, told an Evening Standard representative.

The Russian diamonds I have seen have not been worth more than £15 or £20 a carat. The stones are of heavy lumpy cut, and the goods are practically unsaleable in the English market.

When they have been sold nobody knows, but they have been absorbed, and we never hear anything of them now. It is so easy to detect a Russian stone that jewels of this character can have no effect upon the market here. The Russian stone has a yellowish or brownish tinge, and is entirely unsuitable for the pale skins of English people or American folk.

BETTER SALE IN INDIA. Stones of this kind might find a better sale in India, and if worn at all should only be displayed at night.

The offer of a reward by the American Jewellers' Protective Association in regard to smuggling has not, I imagine, any reference to the reported effort to flood that country with Russian gems by illicit means. It is doubtless directed to any possible traffic on a large scale in white diamonds, but personally I think that the authorities are too wide awake to permit operations of this kind to be conducted on any large scale.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR DEBT.

TERMS OF ARRANGEMENT WITH THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

An interesting arrangement has been arrived at between the British and Australian Governments with a view to deal with advances raised by the Australian Government from the Imperial Government on account of the war. Australia owes the Imperial Government large sums borrowed during the early days of the war and other sums for maintenance and transport of Australian troops. There was also considerable sums due on account of arrears of interest.

Dates of payment of these arrears and the redemption of the loans were not fixed, but left to the decision of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Treasurer of the Commonwealth. It apparently has now been arranged between the two Governments for the debt to be settled on the basis of a 6 per cent. annuity. The amount involved is just upon £87,000,000, and interest upon this will be payable at rates ranging from 3 1/2 to 5 per cent.

The margin between the interest payable and the annuity of 6 per cent. will provide a sinking fund which will redeem the principal of the debt in less than 37 years. Provision is also made for arrears of interest, and we believe that further details of this interesting arrangement will shortly be notified on this side, the particulars we mention having apparently been published in Australia.

BEST MEN DANCERS.

AMERICAN WOMEN'S TRIBUTE TO THE ENGLISH.

American women visitors are astonished at the skill of the British in the ballroom. At an Anglo-American dance the other night a charming young woman from the States exclaimed in surprise to her English partner: "Why, we all thought on the other side that you Britishers couldn't dance one bit!" "The impression that people in England do not dance well seems to be general in the United States," Mr. Charles D'Albert, vice-president of the Imperial Society of Dance Teachers, said to a reporter.

"As a matter of fact, the Englishman has become the best dancer in the world. His dancing is very much steadier and infinitely more graceful than that of the American, the Frenchman, or the German. In the United States and France a great deal of unpleasant stunting is introduced into dancing. The Englishman does not care for stunting."

PRISONER'S EVIDENCE.

MUST TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH IN THE WITNESS-BOX.

A question of considerable importance affecting the law of evidence was debated before the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Sankey and Branson in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Jeremiah Minihane, a young man, appealed against a conviction at Maidstone Assizes, and sentence of 10 years' penal servitude for shooting at policemen at Bromley with intent to injure them. Mr. H. C. Dickens, for Minihane, said that the ground of the appeal was that, because he refused to give evidence that would incriminate other men, Mr. Justice Rowlatt ordered him out of the witness-box. By so doing, it was contended, the judge deprived the prisoner of the chance of stating his full defence.

The Lord Chief Justice: A prisoner cannot pick and choose what evidence he will give when he swears to tell the whole truth.

Mr. Dickens: The judge cannot prevent him from refusing to tell the whole truth, and he has no power to refuse the man the right to give that evidence he is prepared to give. Of course, a prisoner is wrong in refusing to give evidence, even though he does so in order to shield a companion, but he should not have the whole of his evidence shut out.

Mr. Hohlner, K.C. (for the Crown) said the judge could have committed the prisoner at once for contempt, and that would have put an end to his evidence.

Describing the case as one of great legal interest, the Lord Chief Justice said that a prisoner who went into the box to give evidence was bound to tell the whole truth, notwithstanding that he might incriminate others. If he openly refused to tell the whole truth then the judge could reject his story altogether.

The appeal was dismissed.

LIVELY VOYAGE.

"WOLLOWS" AGAIN IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

The s.s. "Wollows" seems unable to remain out of the public eye for any considerable time. A message from Madrid dated September 9 states that the crew of the vessel mutinied against the captain and that Spanish naval assistance had to be obtained to subdue the mutiny. The crew were arrested. In connection with this information, we have been informed from a private source that the "Wollows" was chartered to a Spanish concern in Cuba and was used to repatriate about twelve hundred destitute Spaniards from Cuba, says Shipping and Engineering. As, we believe, the certificate of the "Wollows" when she was in these waters permitted the vessel to carry only about seven hundred persons, it would appear that her latest charterers paid a greater regard to the capacity than to the accommodation of the ship. Incidentally, we may state that some of the officers who were unfortunate enough to be serving on the vessel when she left China for Cuba in November last, and who had an extremely trying time while they were under the benign jurisdiction of the Cuban authorities, are now on their way back to Shanghai, where they are expected to arrive on about September 23. From the facts of the case already at our disposal, and which we are not yet at liberty to publish, the circumstances attending the voyage of the ship from China to Cuba, and the subsequent happenings in the latter country bid fair to prove among the most interesting incidents in the annals of China shipping.

£2,000 THEFT TRICK.

JEWEL PURCHASE DECEPTION IN HOTEL BEDROOM.

Clever foreign thieves robbed a man of £2,000 by a trick at the Imperial Hotel, Russell-square, W.C. The victim was invited by the men, believed to be Russians, to visit the hotel to see some valuable jewellery with a view to purchase. He was conducted to a bedroom where he made a selection, and the gems were placed in an attaché case provided by the thieves, who were given two £1,000 Bank of England notes. The man then picked up the case which was supposed to contain the jewellery and left, but during the drive home he discovered that the original case had been substituted by one similar in appearance. It contained nothing of value. At the hotel it was later discovered that only one of the men had registered and he had disappeared. Both men were dressed in grey, were middle-aged and of medium height.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the local American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory: 9 a.m. September 23, Typhoon in about 129 deg. Long. E. 20 deg. Lat. N. direction unknown. 2 p.m. Sept. 23. Cyclone or typhoon E.S.E. of Naha moving N.E.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

INTER-PORT AQUATIC FESTIVAL at the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

WEDNESDAY, 28th THURSDAY, 29th FRIDAY, 30th September, and SATURDAY, 1st October, 1921. Band in attendance on SATURDAY. Tea served during interval.

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 30th day of October, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1921. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 31st October, 1921, both days inclusive. By Order, M. MANUK, Secretary. Hongkong, September 23, 1921.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, Sept. 23, 1921, commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 41, B Nathan Road, Kowloon. A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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OBJECTS OUTLINED.

A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME.

The National Executive Council of the British Legion, in which all the ex-Service associations have been amalgamated under the patronage of the Prince of Wales and the presidency of Field-Marshal Earl Haig, has completed the "constructive programme" of the organisation. As now issued this sets forth the domestic, national, and imperial objects of the Legion.

The constructive programme states that the domestic objects of the organisation are to make the legion truly national by drawing into or affiliating with it all existing ex-Service men's and women's associations, benevolent funds, clubs, &c., and, in co-operation with the United Services Fund, to provide in convenient centres for all branches facilities for social intercourse, recreation, and recreational education, acquiring where necessary permanent halls, club premises, or meeting rooms for the use of members.

On its national side the legion aims at securing that the Government, municipal, and local authorities, and other employers of labour shall give a preference in employment to ex-Service men and women; taking active steps to obtain the co-operation of the Government, public and private employers, and of the trade unions, in securing the fullest possible facilities for the training of ex-Service men and women, and their admission to the different organisations of skilled labour; supporting and encouraging by financial and other means suitable undertakings by ex-Service men and women conducted on business lines, and preventing the exploitation of the employment of ex-Service men.

On its Imperial side the legion aims at instituting throughout the Empire a National Commemoration Day for those who fell in the Great War; co-operation and federation with ex-Service organisations throughout the Empire and the Allied countries; and active support to all direct efforts for peace, and to the League of Nations, while taking care that the defence of the Empire is adequately provided for.

Permission has been given for the formation of branches of the legion in the various Government departments.

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END OF 271 YEARS' FEUD.

PEACE BETWEEN THE MOHAWKS AND THE HURONS.

The feud of 271 years' duration between the Hurons and the Iroquois (Indian tribes) has ended in an interesting ceremony on the shores of Georgian Bay, while Indians, picturesquely garbed, were grouped around two statues representing Ontario and Quebec.

Suddenly a big canoe bearing Chief Orville Sivick of the Hurons ran ashore. A moment later Big Chief Andrew Steath, leader of the Mohawk tribe of the Iroquois, stepped ashore and strode to the wigwam erected for them.

Putting a match to the great pipe of peace, the Iroquois handed it to the Huron. "There is peace between our peoples!" he said in Iroquois.

"There is peace!" replied the Huron as he drew the first puff and passed the pipe to his sub-chief, who handed it back to the Iroquois.

When all had smoked the chiefs placed their hands side by side on a war tomahawk, which they placed beneath a huge blood-red boulder suspended from a crane. Slowly the big rock was lowered on to the hatchet. Then the Huron turned to his new friend and said: "Now we will go and kill moose together."

RUNNYMEDE SAVED.

TO REMAIN CROWN PROPERTY.

The historic site of Runnymede is to be preserved to the nation. Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen (Minister of Agriculture) in the House of Commons explained the position in the following statement:

"The Commissioners of Woods, with the approval of the Treasury, decided last year to offer for sale by auction 622 acres of the outlying portion of the Crown's Windsor estate, in the parish of Egham, including 99 acres of meadow land forming a part of the land on which, according to the Ordnance Survey map of the district, the armies of King John and the confederated barons encamped on the signing of Magna Charta.

"These meadows are situated some half-mile to the south-west of 'Runnymede,' or Magna Charta Island, where the Great Charter is said to have been signed, and which is private property.

"The auction took place on July 6 last, but the 99 acres referred to were not sold, and I am communicating with my co-Commissioner, in whose jurisdiction the matter lies, with a view to withdrawing them from the sale and so retaining them as Crown property." (Cheers.)

AMERICAN APHORISMS.

CRACKS OF THE EDITORIAL WHIP.

Lipton is reported coming back in 1922. What an optimist that man is!

The latest tariff knocker wants to know why they didn't take salvation off the free list.

Northcliffe says he can't find prohibition in America. Proving England can't see a joke.

Tillie Clinger says the reason she is quitting her present job is because the boss said her tongue was so sharp she couldn't laugh in her sleeve without cutting a gash in her arm.

Nations pray for victory but they never pray to be delivered from temptation when the time comes to divide the spoils.

A dentist is being sued by his father, for whom he pulled a tooth. For telling him, possibly, "This hurts me, dad, more than it does you."

And a few years ago they told us war clouds were caused by reigning monarchs.

Some one should discover a few oil wells in Ireland.

The hardest lesson for any government to learn is to lessen taxation.

Not all the folks who visit the cellar nowadays go down to see how fast the gas meter is travelling.

Bobbed hair and bobbed skirts ought to go well with the prevailing masculine fashion of a bobbed income.

Hairdressers say men are to have permanent waves. After paying for them they will have at least a temporary crimp.

Five men have been sentenced to attend church regularly for a year. As every golfer knows, this is twice as cruel as it is unusual.

Short dresses are disclosing more family skeletons.

Everybody is wearing the lovely new sports clothes except the sports-women.

Did you ever stop to consider that the man who is continually blowing his own horn always remains at the little end?

Those reform preachers who designed the moral gown for women did a good job. Now to design a woman who will wear it.

One of the best things out is a defunct tooth.

If that X-ray contraption for taking pictures through walls works the gold fish won't have much on us for privacy.

Husbands ought to go with their wives to select a dress. Then they might be able to prevent the purchase of a gown with inaccessible buttons and snags.

If passenger rates keep on climbing it is only a question of time until conductors strike for travelling companions.

The great need of the country just at present is something to make horses as attractive as hoes.

Time is money, that's why the man who owes you a little bill promises to pay you in time.

"Moonshine" despite the name, is not a light drink.

Minister threatens to invade golf courses to warn Sunday players of the error of their ways. They'd more likely welcome advice on the error of their plays.

33 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

HOW HABITUAL CRIMINALS ARE MADE.

The problem of "recidivism" or confirmed criminal tendencies, was raised at the Old Bailey by Mr. E. L. Hadfield, who asked:

If two million honest men cannot find work how can these criminals? Counsel was defending Ernest Griffiths, aged forty-three, on a housebreaking charge.

It was stated that fear men concerned in the case had served sentences of imprisonment which amounted in the aggregate to ninety-five years.

Mr. Hadfield asked the judge to pass a light sentence.

"For thirty years," he said, "Griffiths had only six years' freedom from goal, and under the present system he goes to prison and comes out only to return. Like many others he comes out and tries to go straight, but fails."

NOT UNTIL DEAD.

"Under the present system this man has no chance, and never will before he is dead and in his grave."

Judge Atherton Jones, in sentencing the men, said that he agreed with what Mr. Hadfield said.

"The men are tainted with crime," he said, "and it is difficult for them to obtain work, but I do not think that this is insuperable. One of the men, named Davis, who has been what is known as a goal-bird, redeemed himself at one period."

The judge sentenced James Davis, aged sixty to six months' hard labour.

"I look at the records of the other men," said the judge, "and I find no hope in the past and no promise for the future. I do not think that a small sentence would be of the slightest avail, and I order them penal servitude for five years each."

BEAU Y'S DOWNFALL.

GIRL WHO WAS LEFT £100,000 DIES OF MORPHINE.

The daughter of a railway magnate and once a leading figure in Baltimore, Sara Cowen, aged 33, died alone, amid the sordid surroundings of a cheap New York hotel, apparently from an overdose of morphine, to which she had become addicted.

The most beautiful debutante of her coming-out year, she figured in a romantic elopement in 1909. She divorced her husband two years later and afterwards disappeared. Nothing was heard of her until three years ago, when she was found in a prison hospital at Blackwell's Island under treatment as a drug-taker.

She was discharged apparently cured in 1919 and joined the New York post-graduate hospital as a probationer nurse. Less than a year later she was dismissed for alcoholism.

After that, nothing was heard of the millionaire's daughter until she was found dead on the floor of the hotel bedroom. She arrived with a man, and the two registered as Mr. and Mrs. Cowen, of Baltimore. Her companion, a chauffeur, disappeared after telling the hotel clerk that the woman was not his wife and that she was "very ill" in her room. Near the body were two bottles containing morphine tablets.

She inherited a fortune, estimated at £100,000, from her father. Both her parents died several years ago.

RIAL CLAIMS TO B.D.Y.

FUNERAL STOPPED AS MOURNERS ARRIVED.

A remarkable case of mistaken identity has occurred in Yorkshire. A body was washed up on the beach at Reighton, near Filey, and at the inquest it was identified by Mrs. Louisa Taylor, of Hummanby, as that of her husband, Joseph Bradford Taylor.

She believed that the marks on the body and head were caused by wounds in the war and by an attack of a tiger

TRUTH IN COMMERCE.

POINTS ON WHICH PUBLIC NEEDS PROTECTION.

Dr. Johnson once remarked that in writing lapidary inscriptions a man was not on oath. It would appear, observes the Daily Telegraph, that those who draw up trade descriptions sometimes allow themselves a similar latitude.

Not being on oath, they take certain liberties with the normal and accepted meaning of words. We are reminded of this by a case at the West London Police-court, where a firm of brush manufacturers was fined £42 for selling shaving brushes as "real badger" when they contained only two-thirds badger-hair and one-third goat-hair.

It was stated by the prosecution that anthrax could be conveyed through Chinese goat-hair, and therefore, presumably, the public were deprived of the protection to which they were entitled in buying what was reputed to be "real badger."

Anthrax, as a matter of fact, can be conveyed in any sort of hair, wool, skin, or rag, but the point with which we are concerned is that the solicitor for the defence urged that there was a distinction between "real badger" and "pure badger," and that the term "real badger" might properly be applied to a mixed brush, so long as it contained a certain proportion of badger-hair. That is just where the public needs protection, and without requiring manufacturers to be absolute precisians in their choice of words describing their wares, it is important that they should not use words in senses which are calculated to deceive. It does not matter whether manufacturers agree among themselves to use words in a certain way, for they know enough to be wary as to what they buy; it is the public which is apt to be victimised by this laxity of language—the innocent public which assumes that things are what they are said to be.

Unfortunately, a rather bad habit of speaking in superlatives has sprung up in the commercial world, and when even the lowest grade of quality is styled the best, no natural adjective is left for the highest grade.

"Real" is a word which has suffered such cruel usage at the hands of philosophers that it is piteous that it should be further martyred in the market-place. There are, too, as many grades of "purity" as there are of "freshness," and the marvels of science are such that the addition of a pure adulterant may be held to give reality to the genuineness of the article adulterated. The fact is that one loses oneself in a maze of contradiction as soon as one departs from the simple rule that articles should be labelled truly according to their contents, or at least not labelled in such a way as to deceive. A certain latitude may be granted. No lady, for example, expects a "permanent" hair-wave to last her for the term of her natural years, but neither does she expect the natural lankness to reassert itself on the morrow. Large assertions have been said to be the essence of advertisement, but, after all, words have their natural feelings, and too much violence must not be done to them. It is not when buying shaving brushes and the like that the "people wishes to be deceived." That phrase was invented in respect of politics.

When her husband was in India. She had last seen him in July, 1920.

There was a new development, however, when Mrs. Martha Richardson, of Dewsbury, arrived at Bridlington with her married daughter, and stated that from the published description she was convinced the body was that of her husband, Edward Richardson, 59.

Superintendent Robson at once motored them to Hummanby to the home of Mrs. Taylor, where the identification was confirmed. Mrs. Taylor was also convinced that she had made a mistake.

At that time relatives of Taylor were already beginning to enter the church for the funeral service.

It was arranged to move the body to Dewsbury.

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The French police are searching for an alleged swindler known as Auguste Groult, who seems to have a keen sense of humour.

He has taken advantage of the many administrative changes in the devastated regions to pass many times as a new Government agent sent to supervise the work of reconstruction.

Shortly after the armistice he appeared at Beuvry, in the department of the Nord, and told the British Disposal Board officers there that he was an envoy from Paris entrusted with the work of rebuilding the houses and factories in that area.

He persuaded them to place an army hut at his disposal, and from there he ruled the district for over a month. He caused woods to be cut down and sold the timber, received payments from peasants for work that he said the Government would carry out, and made a number of contracts with engineers and builders. He employed several secretaries and typists in his office and lived free in the town on a lavish scale.

When he thought his presence at Beuvry was beginning to arouse suspicion, Groult moved to Seclin and recommenced "business." His last escapade is said to have taken the form of a successful hoax on a Lille register office. He is alleged to have told the agent, who wished to retire, that he would pay him £1,000 for the goodwill of the office, but that he needed first of all one day's undisturbed possession of the premises to assure himself of its respectability. Granted this concession, he is said to have sold the business for cash to a dozen different persons taking large sums on account in each case.

He is also said to have leased the flat which adjoined the office and sold its furniture several times. Next day, when the agent returned, Groult had disappeared and there was a constant succession of sellers who had come to take over the office, move into the flat, or take away the furniture they had bought and paid for.

WHISTLE LANGUAGE.

SIGNAL NOTES THAT SHEEP-DOGS UNDERSTAND.

Sheep-dog trials were included in the sports programme at the annual show of the Bletchley Horticultural Society at Bletchley Park, North-East Buckinghamshire.

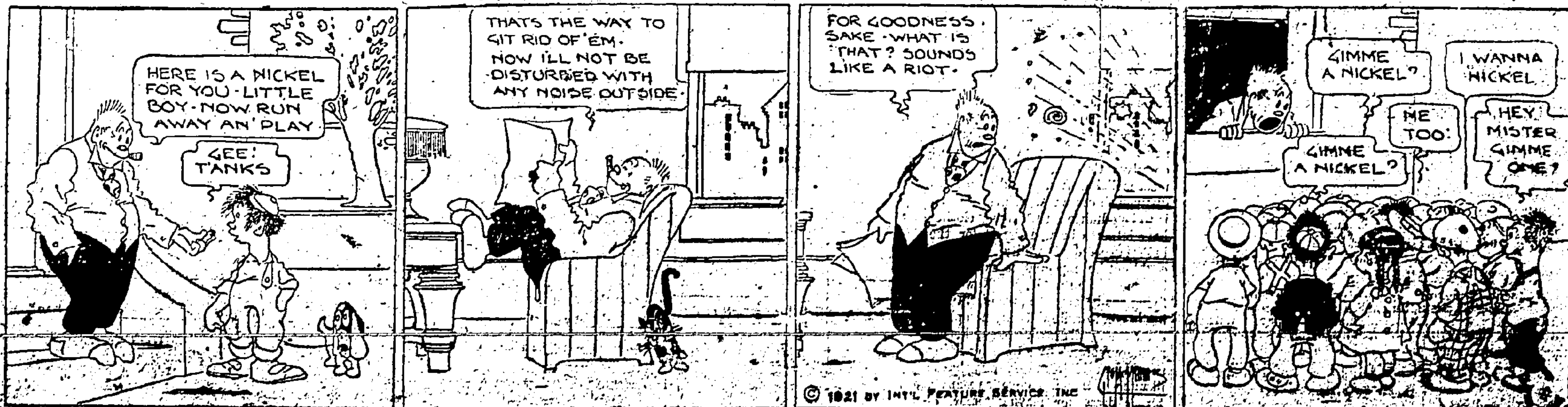
In the first trial, in which entrants had to pen 3 sheep with the use of 1 dog, the dog's master tethered himself with a rope to a stake in the middle of the natural amphitheatre roped off in the park. Three sheep were released about 300 yards away.

The dog, acting on his master's whistled signals, brought the sheep between two hurdles set to form a gate, round the outside of a circle of fences and again round the inside of these posts. This done, the man was free to help the dog to drive the sheep through one narrow pen and then into a second.

The list prize was won by Mr. Ernest Priestly, with a black and white collie, "Moss," which completed the work in 17 minutes 35 seconds. A black and white bitch, "Fly," belonging to Mr. M. Hayton, Oley, Yorkshire, gained the second. Mr. Hayton told a reporter that the faintest hint of ill-usage in the training of a dog in this work is fatal. "I have seven distinct notes in my signals," he said, "and sometimes I make a mistake and give an incorrect one. The dog goes wrong. Then I call him up and apologise to him."

In the second trial, with the help of 2 dogs, 6 sheep were driven up through hurdles as before, split into 2 bunches of 3, and penned separately. The sheep were Cheviots, a heavy, obstinate, suspicious breed, but the anticipation of the dogs, coupled with the patience of their masters, was uniformly successful.

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